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NARRATIVE ON SUDAN DELIVERED

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Classified By: P/E Chief E. Whitaker, Reason: Section 1.4 (b) and (d)

- 11. (C) Pol/Econ Chief delivered the revised Tier 2 Watch List Interim Assessment narrative per reftels on February 1 to Department of the Americas Director Osman Dirdieri and Deputy Director Abd Elghani Elnaim Elkarim (Note: January 31 was a national holiday. End note.)
- 12. (C) After reviewing the text, Ambassador Dirdieri reflected that all high-level USG visits involved discussion about violence against women as an issue of concern. He stated Sudan is "doing our best" and is "as concerned as you are" on the matter; he cited the Government's Action Plan and stated that the South Darfur wali's work on it is "commendable." Dirdieri closed by urging U.S.-Sudanese coordination on ongoing efforts to counter violence against women.
- 13. (C) Dirdieri's remarks, reflecting unrealistic optimism about the government's less than robust approach to violence against women, reaffirm our need to continue pushing on this issue.